

Mitigation Efforts Due to Lapse in Appropriations

Following the passage of a continuing resolution for federal funding by Congress and subsequent signature of the President, government services were restored on October 17, 2013. To mitigate the negative impact caused by the lapse in appropriations, the National Maritime Center (NMC) has implemented the following:

- Approval to Test (ATT) letters that expire in the months of October or November 2013 are extended as valid until December 31, 2013.
- Additional Information (AI) requests to support an application that are set to expire in October or November 2013 are extended to December 31, 2013.
- For mariners whose 90 day testing cycles were interrupted by REC closure, the 21 days from October 1, 2013 to October 21, 2013 (the date RECs reopened to the public) will not count against the 90 day period.

Mariners are reminded to submit application packages, AI, and schedule appointments as soon as possible regardless of whether or not the above extensions and provisions apply. Also, please keep in mind that seating for examination at RECs is limited, therefore examination appointments should be scheduled as soon as possible.

Other specific circumstances resulting from the lapse in appropriations may be addressed on a case-by-case basis. If you have questions, please contact the NMC at 1-888-IASKNMC (1-888-427-5662) or IASKNMC@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

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